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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 15 March 2013. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chair of the Commission, Marjon Kamara (Liberia), who also made a statement.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, on 4 March, statements were made by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Albania) and the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

5. At the 10th meeting, on 11 March, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children, and the Vice-Chair of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, made presentations and responded to comments and questions posed by the representatives of China and Belarus and the observer for the European Union.

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B. Attendance

6. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

7. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers are elected to the Bureau of the Commission for a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected at the 1st and 2nd meetings of the fifty-sixth session, on 14 March 2011 and 27 February 2012, to serve on the Bureau of the Commission at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions:

Chair:
Marjon Kamara (Liberia)

Vice-Chairs:
Irina Velichko (Belarus)
Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador)
Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines)

Vice-Chair and Rapporteur:
Filippo Cinti (Italy)

D. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 1st meeting, on 4 March 2013, the Commission adopted its agenda as contained in document E/CN.6/2013/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
      (i) Priority theme: elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls;
      (ii) Review theme: the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: key gender equality issues to be reflected in the post-2015 development framework;

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.

4. Communications concerning the status of women.

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session.

9. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2013/1/Add.1.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

10. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/16, the following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed to the working group for the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions:

Ms. Li Xiaomei (China)
Ms. Fatima Alfeine (Comoros)
Mr. Ruben Armando Escalante Hasbún (El Salvador)
Ms. Noa Furman (Israel)
Mr. Grigory Lukiyantsev (Russian Federation)

F. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-seventh session is available from:

www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw57/documentation.htm